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RE:

Opposition No. 91164500

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Puppuccino, Inc. v. Lynette M. Thorlakson

To Whom It May Concern:

On April 11, 2006 I, Tanya Shipman, president of Puppuccino, Inc., received a letter from your office stating, "opposer is allowed thirty days from the mailing date of this order to show cause why judgement should not be entered against opposer based upon opposer's apparent loss of interest in this case."

In response, please let me first state that Puppuccino, Inc. has not lost interest in the case! On the contrary, I was under the mistaken impression that Puppuccino, Inc. had actually lost the case because of missed deadlines of which I was unaware after my counsel withdrew from the case in October 2005.

On May 10, 2006, I spoke with Angel Campbell, Paralegal Specialist for your office, and now understand the case is actually under suspension. Ms. Campbell suggested I write a letter explaining the situation and expressing our continued interest in the case.

I hope the following helps to explain Puppuccino, Inc.'s situation and explain why any deadlines have been missed:

On July 13, 2005, Puppuccino, Inc. received an email and bill from its counsel, Joseph Beckman of Intellect Law, regarding work from August 2004 – July 2005. Throughout that one year period of time, Puppuccino, Inc. paid retainers, immediately upon request, totaling approximately \$5000. As stated in Mr. Beckman's email, after applying those retainers and even writing-off some of his firm's time, the remaining amount due was over \$6000. This came as a surprise to Puppuccino, Inc. and at a time where I would have to work out some type of payment plan because the funds were not available.

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On September 5, 2005, Mr. Beckman and I agreed, via email, to a weekly payment plan. I have enclosed that email stating our intentions and agreement.

Unfortunately for Puppuccino, Inc., I accidentally missed the third and fourth installments and on Friday, October 7, 2005, received an email from Mr. Beckman stating he was "withdrawing as counsel immediately." The email also stated that Mr. Beckman would provide me with "deadlines in the proceeding which will need to be maintained to oppose the trademark registrations" and he encouraged me to look for new counsel.

I was shocked by Mr. Beckman's withdrawal as counsel - it came as a total surprise. I would have gladly made-up the accidentally missed payments; however, I was not even given an opportunity to do so. Mr. Beckman didn't phone me, email me or contact me in any way other than sending the email stating his withdrawal as counsel. I was also surprised by the withdrawal because, to my knowledge, at no time had we discussed that withdrawal from the case would be a consequence of any missed payments. In addition, my track record of paying thousands of dollars in retainers to Intellect Law was impeccable. I tried to work out with the bill and the withdrawal of counsel with Mr. Beckman to no avail.

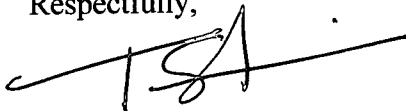
Since the time my counsel withdrew, I have attempted to find other counsel; however, of the attorneys I have contacted or consulted, I have been unable to find affordable counsel with expertise in this type of law.

Also, since the time my counsel withdrew, I have received no information from Mr. Beckman regarding deadlines or information about my case.

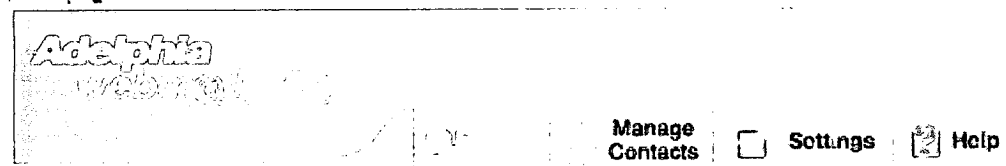
Please accept this explanation of the events and my apologies for missing any deadlines on the case and any confusion I may have caused. It was not intentional and I am very interested in continuing this case.

Although I do not know how to represent myself, I believe it is the only option available to me at this time. Therefore, if you will allow me to do so, I would like to continue the case and represent myself. I will do whatever I can to understand the laws and keep up with the deadlines. In addition, if there is any information you can direct me to regarding upcoming deadlines and the laws, it would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TSA', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tanya Shipman, President
Puppuccino, Inc.



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Date: Monday, September 5, 2005 8:52 AM**From:** Joseph S. Beckman <jbeckman@IntellectLawGroup.com>**To:** tship@adelphia.net**Subject:** RE: Puppuccino Oppositions**Size:** 6 KB

Tanya,

Hope you are enjoying the weekend. I appreciate your doing what you can. Please review the documents that were sent so that we can respond to them.

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: tship@adelphia.net [tship@adelphia.net]

Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 9:53 PM

To: jbeckman@IntellectLawGroup.com

Subject: RE: Puppuccino Oppositions

Joe,

Understood. The absolute MOST I can do right now is \$250/week. That really is maxing out right now. I would be happy to send off the first installment next week.

Tanya

----- "Joseph S. Beckman" <jbeckman@IntellectLawGroup.com> wrote:

> Tanya,
> Please know that all I'm looking for is a payment plan, but it has to begin. The bill is a month old and I've been waiting to see how you want to handle this...recognizing that summer is not a busy time in this area. If you could bump that \$250 to \$350 a week, it would be closer to approaching the \$3000 figure by the end of November. Please let me know your thoughts on the correspondence. I hope all else is working itself out.

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> Best Regards,








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> -----Original Message-----
> From: tship@adelphia.net [tship@adelphia.net]
> Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2005 9:51 AM
> To: jbeckman@IntellectLawGroup.com
> Subject: Re: Puppuccino Oppositions
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> Hi Joe,
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> Yesterday, I did receive the papers you've referenced in your email. Thank you.
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> As far as the payment of an additional \$6K, I understand that you cannot
commit to further work until half has been paid. I can only work out a payment
plan at this time, as there simply isn't the cash or cash-flow to allow me to
pay half right now.
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> I do not know what that means as far as the case goes... settlements,
discovery deadlines, etc. ... since I assume you are basically telling me that you
can't do anything until you receive \$3000. I don't see that happening until late
November, at the earliest. Even if I were to send you \$250 a week for the next
eight weeks (putting us into early November), that would only bring the payment
to \$2K.
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> Let me know your thoughts.
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> Tanya
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> ---- "Joseph S. Beckman" <jbeckman@IntellectLawGroup.com> wrote:
> > Tanya,
> > I'll be out of the office until late today but wanted to contact you. We got
> > correspondence from the attorneys with more discovery requests. These have
> > been forwarded to you. I have not heard back from you regarding settlement
> > of the outstanding bill. This needs to be addressed before we can commit to
> > further work. I understand you have been busy with other important issues. I
> > also understand the summer is not a busy time in Stuart and will try to work
> > with you but I need to be collecting on this unpaid balance. At least half
> > (\$3000) will need to be paid before I can spend more time working on these
> > new discovery requests and investing more time. Please let me know.
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> > Best Regards,
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